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(certified mail return receipt requested) July 1, 2022

Michael S. Regan Environmental Protection Agency 1101A 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460

Ann C. Phillips U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration West Building 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Re:

NOTICE OF DANGEROUS CONDITIONS NOTICE OF APPEAL and FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Proposed Wind Tower Factory located on Beacon Island, Glenmont, New York 12077; Clear Cutting, Tree Cutting and Removal; Disturbance of 80+ acres of property containing 2 million tons of Fly Ash contaminated property from the Power Company, and property owned by the Albany Port District Commission adjoining the Hudson River, Normanskill Creek

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This office represents many adversely affected residents of Glenmont, New York who live, and whose lives matter, within 1-2 miles of the proposed 80+ acre Wind Tower Factory Project located on Beacon Island. This manmade Island adjoins a National Grid Easement and Power Plant Property. Beacon Island contains in excess of 2 million tons of fly ash by product from the Power Company coal furnace.

Initially, we don't understand how this known environmental condition could exist since at least 1970 without a plan of remediation and appropriate penalties for same.

Secondly, we don't understand how an application for permits, waiver, mitigation, grants, funding or other approvals by the Town of Bethlehem, the Albany Port District Commission or others, without proper written notice and opportunity to comment on same could result in a decision to grant such permits, waivers, mitigation, grants, funding or other approvals.

Thirdly, we don't understand how this unique ecologically sensitive estuary where the Normanskill River meets the Hudson River could be decimated and 80 acres of trees clear cut without sufficient public notice, comment, and consideration for the loss of wildlife whose living, mating, nesting habitat was removed.

Fourth, we don't understand how any purported "mitigation" or a waiver for animals does not at the same time provide for proper mitigation to those humans and loss forever of access to the Hudson River in Glenmont, in the Glenmont neighborhoods, the loss of community, and neighborhood identity with the elimination of vista views of the Hudson Valley, all, is adversely affected by such decisions.

Fifth, we don't understand how such permits waivers, mitigation, grants, funding or other approvals if it can even be, does not provide for direct written notice to each adversely affected resident of Glenmont and others residing in Albany County as well as others residing in Rensselaer County, easterly across the Hudson River.

Sixth, we don't understand how such tree removal of 80+ acres of trees, brush and shrubs with heavy machinery would not otherwise disturb soils, drainage and other conditions including kicking up fly ash contaminated with harmful chemicals in the air and into our streams and river which are dangerous to our water supply, wild life and most importantly to human life.

Seventh, since there was no written permits, waivers, approvals for disturbance of the fly ash material, why a stop work order would not be immediately issued on the above project and why an investigation would not be immediately commenced and why samples of such fly ash would not be taken and secured throughout Beacon Island and why proper investigation into this process and procedures would not be immediately commenced.

To the extent any permits, waivers, mitigation, grants, funding or other approvals were provided by your government agency please provide a copy of same with appeal rights and procedures or otherwise confirm in writing that such permits, waivers, mitigation, grants, funding or other approvals referenced above were not provided.

The Albany Port District Commission and The Town of Bethlehem have, up to this point, refused to rescind or otherwise vacate their purported project approvals. Our Clients respectfully contend that such purported project and municipal approvals are defective, deficient, and otherwise improper. Our Clients respectfully request that you immediately issue a stop work order or otherwise modify or vacate any purported waivers on the above project located at the Beacon Island, Glenmont, New York.

On behalf of our Clients we respectfully request that you immediately issue a stop work order or otherwise modify or vacate any purported approvals, permits, or waivers on the above project located at Beacon Island, Glenmont, New York. To the extent a decision, approval, or waiver or other action by your agency has occurred please consider this an immediate notice of appeal, notice of reconsideration or other appropriate administrative requests for reconsideration, appeal or otherwise. Further, please consider this a request pursuant to FOIL to provide a copy of all documentation directly or indirectly referred to in this letter so that we may be properly informed.

Very Truly Yours, TOBIN AND DEMPH, LLP

R. Christopher Dempf

Michael S. Regan, Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ann C. Phillips, U.S. Maritime Administration
Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation
Andrew Dangler, US Army Corps pf Engineers
Senator Charles Shumer
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
Congressman Paul Tonko
Albany Port District Commission
Town of Bethlehem
Kathy Sheehan, Mayor of the City of Albany
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Town of East Greenbush

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July 22, 2022

To: Michael S. Regan Environmental Protection Agency

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1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20460

RE: Proposed Wind Tower Factory located on Beacon Island, Glenmont, New York 12077; 80+ acres of property containing 2 million tons of Fly Ash contaminated property owned by the Albany Port District Commission ("APDC") adjoining the Hudson River, and Normanskill Creek and Request for Public Hearing

I represent many adversely affected residents in connection with the proposed wind tower factory including but not limited to fly ash contaminates, with known carcinogens. For example, arsenic determined by APDC to be found in Beacon Island fly ash exceeds EPA acceptable levels. In addition to seeking to participate in the Federal and State agency permitting process herein, we have advised the Town of Bethlehem Planning Board and the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals that we continue to object to the conditional approvals they issued.

We enclose herewith to be read in the record and to be part of the public comment process for all United State Environmental Agency reviews (including any requested waivers) the following:

- Letters dated July 19, 2022 to the Town Planning Board including a copy 1.) of the submissions during the public comment period to the Army Corps of Engineers and various procedural requests.
 - Exhibit "AA" Blaster description and reviews of working conditions at Marmen Energy in Brandon, South Dakota.
 - **b**. Exhibit "BB" article – World's Biggest Floating Turbines Open New Market to Offshore Wind.
- 2.) Letter dated July 20, 2022 to the Zoning Board of Appeals, enclosing a copy of the submission to the Army Corps of Engineers and various procedural requests. (the letter submission with Exhibits to the Armu Corps of Engineers is provided above with Exhibit "AA" and Exhibit "BB").
- 3.) Letter with historic narrative and exhibits.

I also set forth below an excerpt from the pending Article 78 Proceeding relating to the proposed wind tower factory is a neighborhood with over 300 homes, an elementary school and a nursery school located within one (1) mile of the proposed factory, which should be considered in determining whether the above is an appropriate project for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation approvals, permitting waivers.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE we respectfully request that the attached submission and this letter be uploaded and included in your Public record and that you confirm same, and include the undersigned as an interested party entitled to all written notices of all applications by the Albany Port District Commission and all proceedings, comment periods, decisions, determinations, and waivers issued.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the undersigned as representative of interested parties hereby requests that a PUBLIC HEARING be held for testimony and to further receive comments by all interested parties prior to the issuance of any determination, waiver or otherwise.

Respectfully Submitted, TOBIN AND DEMPF, LLP

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July 19, 2022

Brian Gyory, Chair Town of Bethlehem Planning Board and its members: Scott Lewendon, Board Member Kate Powers, Board Member Gianna Aiezza, Board Member Radworth Anderson, Board Member (via email only PlanningBoard@townofbethlehem.org)

> RE: Proposed Wind Tower Factory located on Beacon Island, Glenmont, New York 12077; 80+ acres of property containing 2 million tons of Fly Ash contaminated property owned by the Albany Port District Commission adjoining the Hudson River, and Normanskill Creek

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This office represents several neighbors adversely affected by the proposed Beacon Island Factory, who despite being impacted of the proposed 80+ acres Wind Tower Factory were not provided notice by mail or otherwise of public meetings and opportunities to provide comments to the public record.

As the lead agency in the environmental review process the Bethlehem Planning Board failed to provide the proper notice to our neighbors many of whom are the most vulnerable, least able to articulate their concerns about this project, and who live in close proximity to Beacon Island.

As such this proposed Wind Tower Factory and site plan as conditionally approved "is not okay."

In support of many of the Beacon Island neighbor concerns we enclose a copy of the submission to the US Army Corps of Engineers by letter and enclosures dated July 11, 2022.

The most adversely affected Glenmont neighbor were not properly noticed or considered in the substantive review of this project and the approvals need to be rescinded and the proposed Wind Tower Factory sent back for public comment and for further development of the record;

> Old River Road Anders Lane Glenmont Road River Road

Halter Road
Retreat House Road
Hartman Road
Quail Hollow Neighborhood
Legends Neighborhood
Glenmont Elementary School (Bethlehem Central School District)
Glenmont Nursing School
Weiser – Clara Road Neighborhood
Wiggand Neighborhood
Abbey Retirement Community

For Example: Section 3.1.3 mitigation measures in the FEIS, dated February 2022 provides:

"There are no sensitive receptors (e.g., residential land uses) immediately adjacent to the property boundary. The Project area is bordered by the Hudson River to the east, PSEG Power Plant to the south, National Grid high transmission power lines and railroad tracks to the west, and the Port of Albany to the North. However, Papscanee Island, a significant cultural resource for the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of the Mohican Nation, is located directly across the river. Upon request by SMC THPO, a noise assessment was conducted by Proactive Environmental Solutions and results are summarized in Section 3.11."

The proposed Wind Tower Factory operation from Countries outside the United State have a side in Brandon, South Dakota. There is no information of these operations in the record, but a search its website reveals the working conditions of the Blast Metalization paint process and employees wearing respirators and hazmat suites for their twelve hour work shifts and employees comment about their conditions reveals the difficulties of this employment and employer. (Exhibit "AA"

Also, with this new industry its long term success and need for tower is uncertain. See attached article entitled "Worlds Biggest". The need for Wind Towers provided and need for this Factory may change (Exhibit "BB").

If this business fails will there be an escrow fund established to provide for these then functionally obsolete buildings to be demolished.

Please correct or amend the Resolution to clarify that there will be a Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) after the Federal and State agencies review and permitting process are compete.

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July 20, 2022

Town of Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals To: Dave Devaprasad, Chair Jane Barnes, Board Member Donna Giliberto, Board Member Jeremy Martelle, Board Member Thomas Coffey, Board Member (via email only ZoningBoardofAppeals@townofbethlehem.org)

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As the lead agency in the environmental review process the Zoning Board of Appeals and Bethlehem Planning Board failed to provide the proper notice to our neighbors many of whom are the most vulnerable, least able to articulate their concerns about this project, and who live in close proximity to Beacon Island. The Zoning Board of Appeals appears to have noticed a defective notice to the affected neighbors, residents and property owners of the proposed Beacon Island Factory.

As such this proposed Wind Tower Factory and Zoning Board of Appeals variances granted the applicant as well as the site plan as conditionally approved "is not okay."

In support of many of the Beacon Island neighbor concerns we enclose a copy of the submission to the US Army Corps of Engineers by letter and enclosures dated July 11, 2022.

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Rather than requiring the applicant to scale down its project or find another location, the Respondent, Town of Bethlehem, allowed the Respondent, Port of Albany's self-created hardship to supersede the reasonable expectations of some residents – Petitioners who have lived in the Glenmont neighborhood for generations, in homes pre-dating the Town's zoning codes. Respondent, Zoning Board of Appeals, misapplied the facts and the law to grant the variances.

For example, on 2/16/22 an application dated 2/8/22 was submitted by McFarland Johnson, on behalf of the APDC, to the Town of Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals for several variance requests related to the proposed construction of wind tower manufacturing facility on land owned by the APDC in the Town of Bethlehem.

One specific variance request was made under Town Code - Article V, Section 128-53 (A) bordering streams, with subsequent presentation and discussion focused on an area variance request related to construction in a flood plain. The streams identified in Section 128-53 (A) include the Norman's Kill and specify a prohibition of construction within 100 ft. of said streams, as well as the flood plain.

It should be noted that the subject property is located within the 100-year flood area of the Hudson River, as delineated on map # 36001C0307D provided by the FEMA Flood Map Service Center, a flood plain not subject to Section 128-53 (A) of the Town Code. Construction in the flood plain of the Hudson River is, however, subject to Town Code §69-12 Development Permit, as processed by the Building Inspector of the Town of Bethlehem.

As such, construction of a bridge over the Norman's Kill would be prohibited based on the 100 ft. setback requirement from the named stream (Norman's Kill), and a variance request would have to be made with respect to this restriction. Further, since the prohibition is directed towards construction of a use within the 100 ft. setback, the request to the Zoning Board of Appeals should be for a use variance, and not an area variance. This itself is a fatal flaw to this variances.

Also, as Edward Kleinke letter (attached) points at the amount of fill (required truck traffic) needed to raise the building above the flood plain. This will substantially increase truck traffic and pollution, etc., and the additional 6' of fill to raise the elevation to 21' is not properly calculated in the height variance granted for buildings A, B, C, D.

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MARMEN ENERGY

P BRANDON, SOUTH DAKOTA

PERMANENT

Blaster

A Blaster is in charge of the part's surface préparation. Blasters perform mechanical shot blast of the entire wind tower section and manual shot blast of the flanges to build a product that matches our high quality standards.

A Blaster must be able to:

- Prepare the booth for the arrival of the section : cleaning, identification, etc.
- Perform the assembly and disassembly of the mechanical equipment in the blast booth;
- Perform mechanical shot blast of the entire wind tower section and manual shot blast og the flanges;
- Perform visual inspection of the section (color, rust or suface defaults);
- Remove all particles after the section is blasted;
- Inspect the part using measuring tools (thickness, finishing surface);
- Complete the quality documents;
- Move different quipment using the overhead crane or forklift;
- Perform all other duties as assigned by the Production Supervisor.

VALUED SKILLS: :

- Manual Dexterity;
- Detail oriented;
- Sense of observation.

REQUIREMENTS:

Must be able to:

- Wear a tight-fitting respirator and/or a blast suit and helmet;
- Climb stairs and ladders;
- Work at heights;

- Lift and carry between 30-70 lbs;
- Hold hose with 125 lbs of pressure;
- Stand and walk for long periods of time;
- Bend, kneel, squat, twist, reach;
- Work above shoulder;
- Tolerate exposure to weather, hot/cold environments;
- Work rotating shifts.

ASSETS:

Relevant experience or training.

BENEFITS:

MARMEN ENERGY OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF BENEFITS AMONGST THE BEST IN THE INDUSTRY:

- Group health insurance, including life insurance/AD&D, short-term and long-term disability insurance, medical, dental, and vision plans;
- 401(k) plan;
- Holidays, paid time off, and unpaid personal days;
- Company-paid uniforms;
- In some cases, Marmen Energy will reimburse relocation expenses for new employees.
- \$18.75+ Pay based on experience

We also offer job-specific training and advancement opportunities in a stimulating and dynamic environment.

Company: Marmen Energy

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Fun place to learn.

Welder/Fabricator (Current Employee) - Brandon, SD - December 16, 2021

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The most useful review selected by Indeed

It's a fun place to learn. Exciting at first but then the schedule and the stress from uneven life/work balance sets in. The benefits and pay are great. If your young and healthy wanting to make good money work here.

Pros

Benefits, pay

Cons

Schedule, life work balance,

Was this review helpful?

Yes No

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Welders beware of becoming an on your knees grinder for 12 hours a day and night Welder (Former Employee) - Brandon, SD - May 14, 2022

Welders are typically recruited around the country from welding schools and are lured in with relocation assistance but then are forced to sign a year contract and also a lease. They will hand you a grinder and make you grind all day. Most of the welding is SAW machine operated. Real welders beware.

Was this review helpful?

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Marmen Energy insights

Based on 38 survey responses

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- ✓ Ability to learn new things
- ✓ Ability to meet personal goals

Areas for improvement

- Trust in colleagues
- General feeling of work happiness
- Energizing work tasks

5.0

Will help you start welding

Welding Fabricator (Current Employee) - Sloux Falls, SD - March 24, 2022

I came in with no knowledge of welding but was given the chance to by showing an actual interest in learning. Ask questions communicate with the supervisors, try to understand how things work together and then you should have a good time here no question.

Was this review helpful?

Yes

No

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if you like overtime the pay is good ,if this place was so good to work for why are they always hiring turn over rate is very high

big lift operator (Former Employee) - Brandon, SD - March 3, 2022

work you like a horse , if you do something wrong they will find something to get rid of you ,lot of good workers have been fired there ,supervisors are a joke

Was this review helpful?

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Productive and motivated environment.

Welder/Fabricator (Former Employee) - Brandon, SD - February 7, 2022

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Lots of days off and decent pay.

Welder/Fabricator (Former Employee) - Brandon, SD - January 14, 2022

It's a physical job and you will work hard, but the pay is worth it and there is always availability to cross train in other departments. The pay is good and the raises are decent. Benefits are very good. If you are looking to sit behind a desk, this is not the place for you, if you like working with your hands, this is the place. They are willing to train the right people.

Pros

Days off, pay raises, training, benefits.

Cons

None

Was this review helpful?

Yes

No

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Get used to being tired

Welder (Former Employee) - South Dakota - November 27, 2021

Physically demanding work that will most likely give you carpal tunnel. Use of an angle grinder sometimes for entire 12 hour shifts. My advise would be to get a machine operator position.

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It's manufacturing

Production Worker (Former Employee) - Brandon, SD - October 20, 2021

It's manufacturing, so you can expect to work in a manufacturing environment. Long hours with day and night shifts, no matter how much seniority you have.

Was this review helpful?

Yes No

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Good benefits

Facilities Coordinator (Current Employee) - Sioux Falls, SD - September 16, 2021

It's not a place to try to move up. There is no upward movement. The factory setting and being production driven the quality of life there is not the best. They love to micromanage and they have to many supervisors that are nothing to do. The place is always dusty and fumes cover the whole plant. I'm not sure about the air quality. I would not recommend to work here unless you just need good benefits. The pay is less than at similar facilities, and they don't give good raises comparatively.

Was this review helpful?

Yes

No

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Lucrative pay but a horrible schedule

Welder/Fabricator (Former Employee) - Brandon, SD - June 8, 2021

Honestly the pay is ridiculous and very high. The benefits are actually really nice and health plans cover extensively including name brand prescriptions that almost all companies previously would not cover any. Dental and eye package is great too, covers more then usual. The schedule is absolutely horrible. The Ceo/owner will not let go of this 5-4 schedule and it ruins the whole career path unless you are expecting to move up farther then production floor base positions. You would work 5am to 5pm for 5

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5.0

Great Company

Nondestructive Inspection Technician (Current Employee) - Sioux Falls, SD - November 24, 2020

Overall, my experience at Marmen Energy was good. The co-workers tend to look out for each other. Supervisors tend to push harder then needed, but it does look good on the whole shift. Management is very understanding, and will work with you as much as possible. Sometimes, they will do more then what's required. They always have outings to boost morale. They do not stand for discrimination, and will deal with it with. Two managers stood out to me the most. They were both out of the quality department. There organization was above and beyond. Making it the most organized department I've worked for. If it wasn't for my circumstances, I'd still be working with them.

Co-worker, Days off, Experience, Benefits

Rotating Nights to Days every 5/4 days. Proper Air ventilation (Quality department only)

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Run far away

Babysitter (Former Employee) - Brandon, SD - June 18, 2020

Management is completely and utterly a failure to employees. Acts like they are a union without any union protection. If they catch you doing anything but working they write it in a book. Then they ding you at the end of the year for your raise for it. The whole HR is a joke. Nobody in management could find their way out of a paper bag. Yearly write ups are common place. And safety is not a priority word in their vocabulary.

Pros

Absolutely nothing

Cons

About everything under the sun

Was this review helpful?

Yes No

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June 22, 2020

We apologize that your experience wasn't the best at Marmen Energy. We appreciate your feedback and do take comments seriously to better evolve as a company and better the environment and leadership for our team. We wish you the best with your future employment.

3.0

Review of Marmen

Blaster/ metallizer (Former Employee) - Brandon, SD - March 19, 2020

If you have a family this Job not for you. Rotation of day shift/ night shift weekly is terrible. Job mostly for young guys.

Advancement not given unless you have degrees in those areas- unwilling to train as a fresh recruit.

Was this review helpful?

Yes

No

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It's great if they let you do your work

Material Handler (Former Employee) - Brandon, SD - January 27, 2020

Great place if management leaves you alone to your work. In reality the team leads are terrible and protect themselves, the supervisors don't know what your job really is about, and the managers are clueless to the daily ongoings of the plant.

Pros

Some co workers are actually good people

Cons

Management doesn't care

Was this review helpful?

Yes 1 No

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Official response from Marmen Energy

February 3, 2020

We are sorry to hear that was your experience while here at Marmen. We are always striving to develop our leadership, so we will pass along your feedback. We wish you the best of luck in your career.

2.0

will not work with your schedule and is not a lead by example company

Crew Member (Former Employee) - Sloux Falls, SD - December 22, 2019

you cannot have the coffee in the offices your manager can.

your manager will sit in his office all day. He does not know welding and will not help the work load no matter how far behind it is.

you will no be promoted.

they will ask you for your input on how they can make their company better, do not say anything it is a trap and you will be labeled as having a bad attitude

Was this review helpful?

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No advancement

Welder (Former Employee) - Brandon, SD - August 14, 2019

The management has no idea what the floor employees are doing. The point system for hourly is awful, hit a deer? Point against you. Have to leave early? Point against you. Never recommend because of the schedules.

Was this review helpful?

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So so place to work

Flange inspection operator (Current Employee) - Brandon, SD - August 5, 2019

Benefits were good. Pay was all right. It was very uncomfortable temperature rise in the summer and it was very cold in the winter. The management wasn't very good at using people where they should be.

Was this review helpful?

Yes 2

No

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Official response from Marmen Energy

August 8, 2019

Hello!

We are very glad you were happy with your benefits! We can understand the difficulty working in hot and cold temperatures and appreciate your feedback as we are constantly working to improve our processes. We encourage you to speak with your supervisor about your concerns.

5.0

Team work

Material Handler/Trainer (Former Employee) - Brandon, SD - July 7, 2019

Great Benefits, great pay, awesome location and there are wonderful people to work with. The company culture is excellent for welcoming new employees and make them fit into the work environment in no time.

Pros

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Official response from Marmen EnergyJuly 8, 2019

Thank you! We are happy that you had a positive experience while working here at Marmen and thankful you took a minute out of your day to leave a review.

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Terrible HR department, lowballing pay,

Welder (Former Employee) - Brandon, SD - May 15, 2019

There is no opportunity to advance, raises are far and few between. The work schedule makes no sense whatsoever switching from day to night shifts. They care very little about long term employees and they aren't compensated for their loyalty. They can hire people easily by getting their hopes up, but red flags were being thrown everywhere. They can't keep employees for more than a year. This is a very entry level job that will work you like a slave for 12 hours a day. Management is utter garbage and needs to be replaced. Do not work here if you have a family or a social life, they couldn't care less about your family. It just like a gas station, people come and go everyday.

Pros

Hard to say

Cons

The HR department, ignore loyal employees, day and night shift switches

Was this review helpful?

Yes 17 No Report

Official response from Marmen Energy

May 20, 2019

We are sorry that you did not have the best experience with us. We take all feedback seriously and appreciate your honesty. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

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Team based culture within your department. However most departments and management do not communicate efficiently with each other which creates hardships on the floor employees. Management is supportive and does not regularly acknowledge new ideas or changes. Management is extremely shortsighted and problem oriented instead of solution oriented. The immediate co-workers are great to work with and benefits are fantastic. I would not recommend someone with a family to work here.

Pros

good benefits, Compensation for a hard schedule

Cons

Lack of communication and massive gap between management office personnel and floor employees

Was this review helpful?

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Official response from Marmen Energy

May 14, 2019

We are sorry that you had a less than great experience. We take the development of our management very seriously and are always looking at ways to help improve communication. We appreciate your openness and wish you luck on your new venture.

1.0

Stay away

Employee (Former Employee) - Brandon, SD - February 7, 2019

There is no chance of advancement here. No respect from management. Nothing about this company is enjoyable. You are just expected to slave away and no recognition for how hard you work. The best advice that can be given is do not apply, and if you already have, RUN!

Cons

Everything.

Was this review nelpful?

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May 14, 2019

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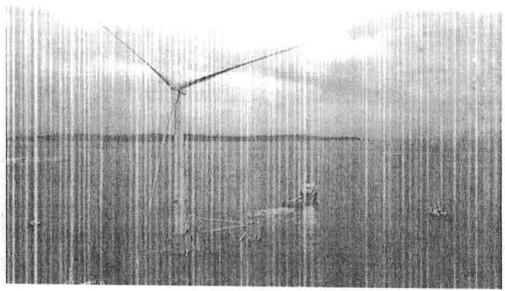
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A floating wind turbine being towed into place at MHI Vestas' Windfloat site in Portugal MHI VESTAS

The North Sea between the UK and north-western Europe was the birthplace of the offshore wind industry and nations around the coast of the sea such as the UK, Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands, are the leading markets for the technology.

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Offshore wind has a number of advantages over onshore projects — the wind out at sea is stronger and more reliable, and there is less visual intrusion so turbines can be bigger, enabling them to generate more power. The 13MW Haliade-X turbine made by GE, currently the world's largest wind turbine, can generate enough electricity to power the average UK household for two days with each spin of its 220-metre rotor, for example. And turbines are continuing to grow, with Siemens Gamesa working on a 15MW device.

The North Sea is the epicentre of the sector for good reason — it is not just perennially windy, but shallow enough to enable turbine foundations to be fixed to the sea floor. There are many parts of the world that have wind resources as good as, if not better than, the North Sea and large cities to provide a market for their power but that currently cannot take advantage of this because the sea floor is too deep.

The industry has been working to overcome this by creating floating wind turbines but until recently the platforms could only support much smaller turbines than current projects. Industry sources say that floating wind is where bottom-fixed turbines were a decade ago – that is, at the very earliest stages of development.

But now floating wind has taken a giant step forward and looks set to see similar growth rates to fixed turbines, after MHI Vestas installed the largest and most powerful floating turbine at a project off the coast of Scotland.

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Vestas is the world's biggest turbine manufacturer and, through its joint venture with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, it has now installed the most powerful turbine at a floating wind project, a 9.5MW device that is now in place at the Kincardine wind farm off the coast of Scotland – the first of five to be sited at the project that will have a blade tip height of 190 meters and provide enough power for around 35,000 homes.

It follows the commissioning in the summer of the 25MW WindFloat Atlantic floating offshore wind farm off the coast of Portugal, which features three MHI Vestas 8.4MW devices that were the previous largest floating turbines.

While fixed turbines sit on foundations around 15-30 meters deep, the water at the Kincardine array is 60-80m deep. Because they can be deployed in deeper water, the semi-submersible floating turbines can be used off coasts where there is no shallow

seabed or further out at sea to take advantage of stronger and more consistent winds.

They are also easier to build, install and maintain. Fixed turbines have to be installed in place, requiring huge lift vessels to install the foundations and to transport and assemble parts onsite, as well as erecting the turbine. Floating turbines, by contrast, can be built on land, assembled in port and towed to their site using standard tugs, leading to significant cost savings. And when the devices need maintenance, they can simply be towed back to port where engineers can work on them in safe and hospitable conditions rather than having to carry out work hundreds of feet above the ocean, possibly in stormy weather.

Now that the industry is proving that it can build platforms to take larger turbines, floating wind is all set to become a key energy source for coastal cities around the world in the next decade.

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Town of Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals Dave Devaprasad, Chair Jane Barnes, Board Member Donna Giliberto, Board Member Jeremy Martelle, Board Member Thomas Coffey, Board Member (via email only ZoningBoardofAppeals@townofbethlehem.org)

> RE: Proposed Wind Tower Factory located on Beacon Island, Glenmont, New York 12077; 80+ acres of property containing 2 million tons of Fly Ash contaminated property owned by the Albany Port District Commission adjoining the Hudson River, and Normanskill Creek

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find background on the historical character of the Glenmont Neighborhoods, with attachments, from Lori A. Dempf for you to read into the record

> Respectfully, TOBINAND DEMPF, LLP

> > Christopher Dempf

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I recently returned from a wonderful trip with my husband and my sister's family to the Annapolis, MD and Washington, DC area. While there we enjoyed seeing the many historic sites, the beautiful architecture and the breathtaking scenery of the Chesapeake Bay and along the Potomac River. I was struck with awe, admiration and gratitude as I considered the imagination and foresight of the people who worked so hard to preserve the history and beauty of those places. For example, we learned as we toured Mount Vernon, George Washington's historic estate, that its preservation occurred because of a letter written to her daughter by Louisa Bird Cunningham in 1853 when she noticed how the estate had fallen into disrepair. This prompted her daughter to challenge the nation to save the site, and she founded the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association who raised the money and bought the property for \$200,000 within 5 years. This intrepid group of American patriots has been preserving and promoting George Washington's Mount Vernon for more than 160 years. They have also fought and have succeeded in preserving the stunning viewshed of the Potomac River so that people who visit today can stand on Mount Vernon's rolling front lawn and, except for the few boats on the river, experience the same view that Washington had more than 200 hundred years ago. This particular battle began in the early 1950's when the Association (MVLA) joined with the Accoceek Foundation, the National Park Service, the Smithsonian Institute, and many neighboring property owners, to prevent the construction of an oil tank farm directly across the Potomac from Mount Vernon. Their efforts stopped the construction. There have been many similar battles fought and won in the decades since to preserve that view. I have often lamented that Albany and the Town of Bethlehem have not done more to preserve the incredible history and beauty of the views and shorelines of the Hudson River, which has such a prominent role in the history of our Nation. I have been feeling that sadness even more so in recent months as I have become aware of the Wind Tower Factory project, and felt it so keenly during our recent trip.

Much like Mount Vernon, our little Town of Bethlehem has a special and noteworthy history. When I moved here from the midwest in the mid-80s, where the earliest recorded history is easily 100 years younger than the history of the east coast, I fell in love with this storybook town. I was fascinated to learn that the history of its establishment resulted, literally, from Henry Hudson's historic river voyage that I had learned about in school. I was enthralled with the many beautiful, historic homes and loved learning the stories behind the many historic names of streets, roads, and streams. I saw how Bethlehem celebrated its history in the many books written and published, the preservation and restoration of historic buildings, archaeological digs, museums, and, of course, the annual Memorial Day parade. My husband's family, who had lived in Bethlehem for a couple generations, was proud to share Bethlehem's history with me. Chris's dad, Lou Dempf, who graduated from Bethlehem High School in 1947, and whose family owned and operated the Dempf Pastry Shoppe from 1927 would often say, "I grew up in Utopia." I think most of us who stayed here, moved here, and raised our families here, feel the same way. Why do we feel this way? Is it because of the widening roads, or the proliferation of housing developments and shopping centers coming in to the town? For me, it's because of the charming homes and quiet streets where kids can still safely ride their bikes to a friend's house, how I always run into a familiar face at My Place, Swifty's or Delmar Marketplace, the wonderful programs and gallery displays at the library celebrating local talents

and history, and how the fife and drum corps in our annual parade reminds me how connected we are to our nation's earliest history.

When we think of the historical nature of Bethlehem, our minds might immediately think "Old Delmar." However, did you know that the earliest days of our recorded history actually began in Glenmont? Town historian Susan Leath in her book Bethlehem People and Places, tells us that just a short distance from the location of the original Fort Orange, the Abbey Hotel was built on River Road in the early 1700s and was a Bethlehem landmark for over 200 years. The Abbey Hotel was located just down the street from Retreat House Road near the horse race track (Leath)(see also survey attached). It provided lodging and refreshment for travelers on horseback, steamboat, train, and later, automobile. In Bethlehem Revisited by the Bicentennial History Committee, Floyd L. Brewer, senior editor, we learn It was a popular gathering place for local politicians, as well as a popular spot for family picnics and clambakes along the Hudson River (Brewer). It is even thought to have been a speakeasy during the days of prohibition (Leath). Supreme Curt Judge Eliha Powell Hulburt, who wrote Rights of Women in 1841, and later served on the New York State Suffrage Committee in the 1880s lived in mansion on Halter Road. A Titanic survivor from 1912 lived in another mansion on Glenmont Road. The owner of the Hinkel Brewery in Albany had a weekend mansion in the country along River Road, across from the Abbey Hotel and the Hudson River.

Many of us who live in Glenmont live in historic homes that have enjoyed the beautiful river views for generations. Our house on Hartman Road just off Glenmont Road was built in 1893. Our friends on Anders Lane and Old River Road live in homes that date at least as far back as the early 1800's. Did you know that this area of Glenmont was once known as Frazertown? It was most likely named after the Frazier family who lived on Anders Lane and Old River Road in the mid 1800s (Leath). Frazertown became known as Glenmont in the late 1880s when the West Shore Railroad extended their Albany Branch north from Ravena and established a station they called Glenmont. It is thought that the name came from two prominent homes in the area: "The Glen" which was north on River Road, and "The Mount" which was up on Glenmont Road (Leath).

A portion of Beacon Island is itself part of our town history. It once included several small islands behind The Abbey and along River Road where families would spend time together fishing, boating enjoying the scenic river and its scenic views of the hills(400 +/- feet above sea level) of East Greenbush and Castleton on Hudson (see also attached maps: Map of Hudson River about 1630; Sidney & Arrott maps, 1851 and 1866)(Brewer, Leath).

There are many of us who live in both historic homes and newer homes in Glenmont who take pride in the history of this beautiful hamlet of Bethlehem along the Hudson River. Aside from the serious environmental concerns raised by this proposed wind tower factory, and the disruption it will cause to our relatively calm and peaceful Glenmont lifestyle, we feel that the history and character of our town has not been considered and appreciated. Is it not true that a marina project had been previously proposed for this wind tower factory site? Wouldn't a town park or a marina be much more in keeping with the historical nature and character of Glenmont? We are devastated by the many ways in which our lives will change if this project goes forward.

Respectfully,

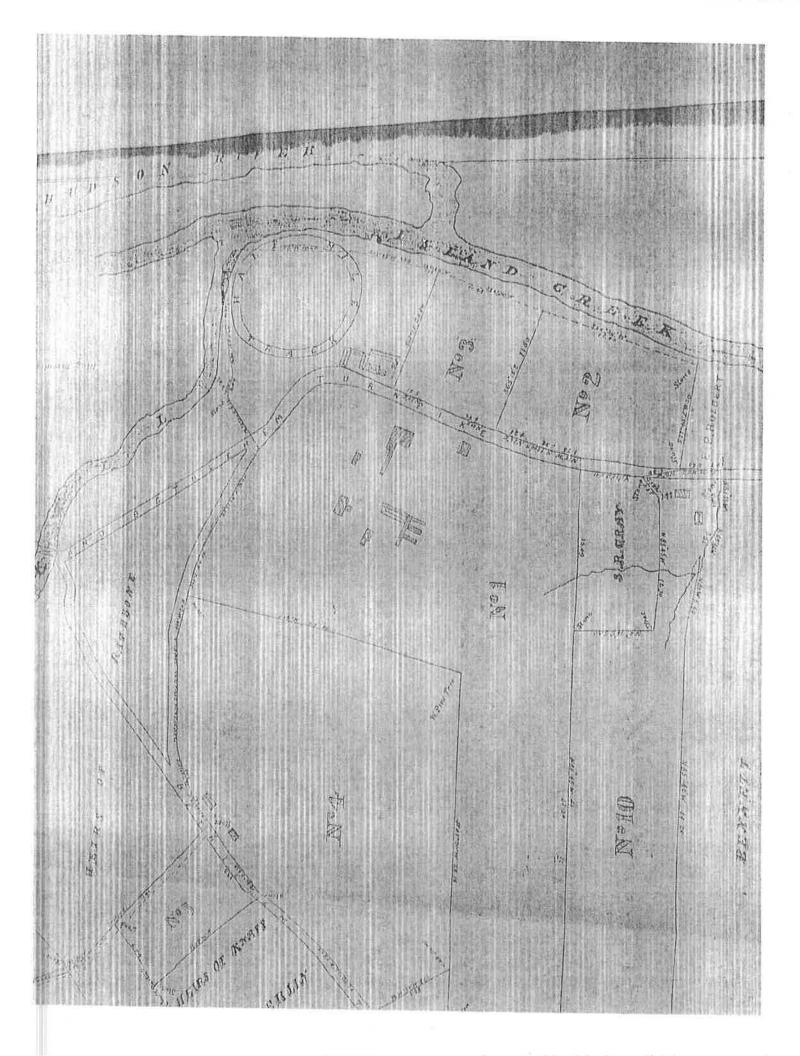
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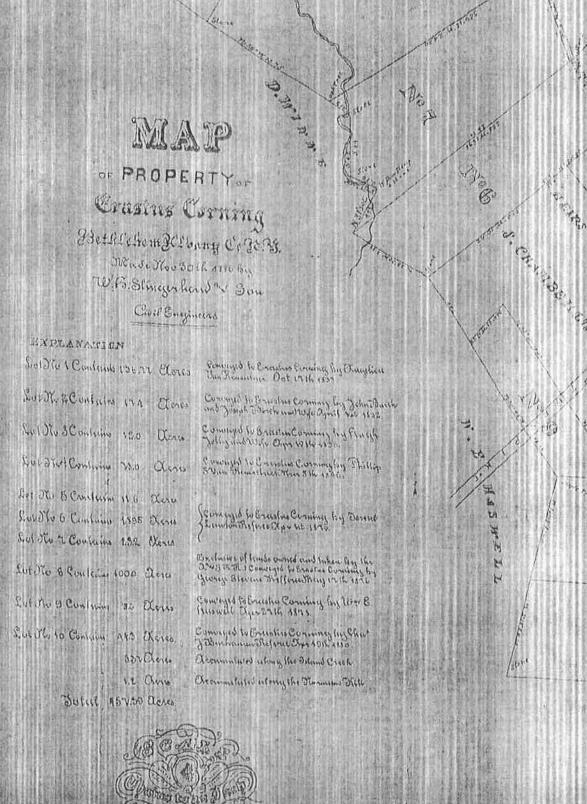
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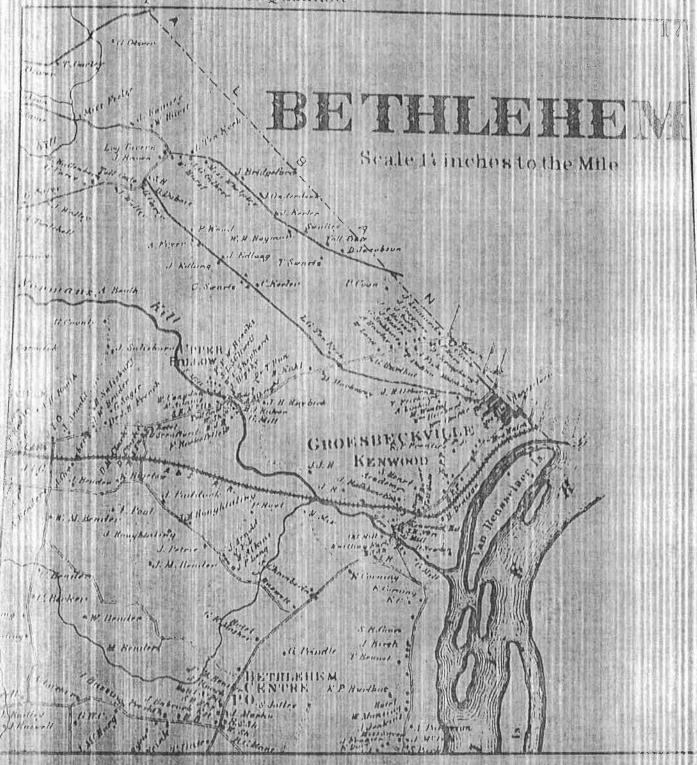


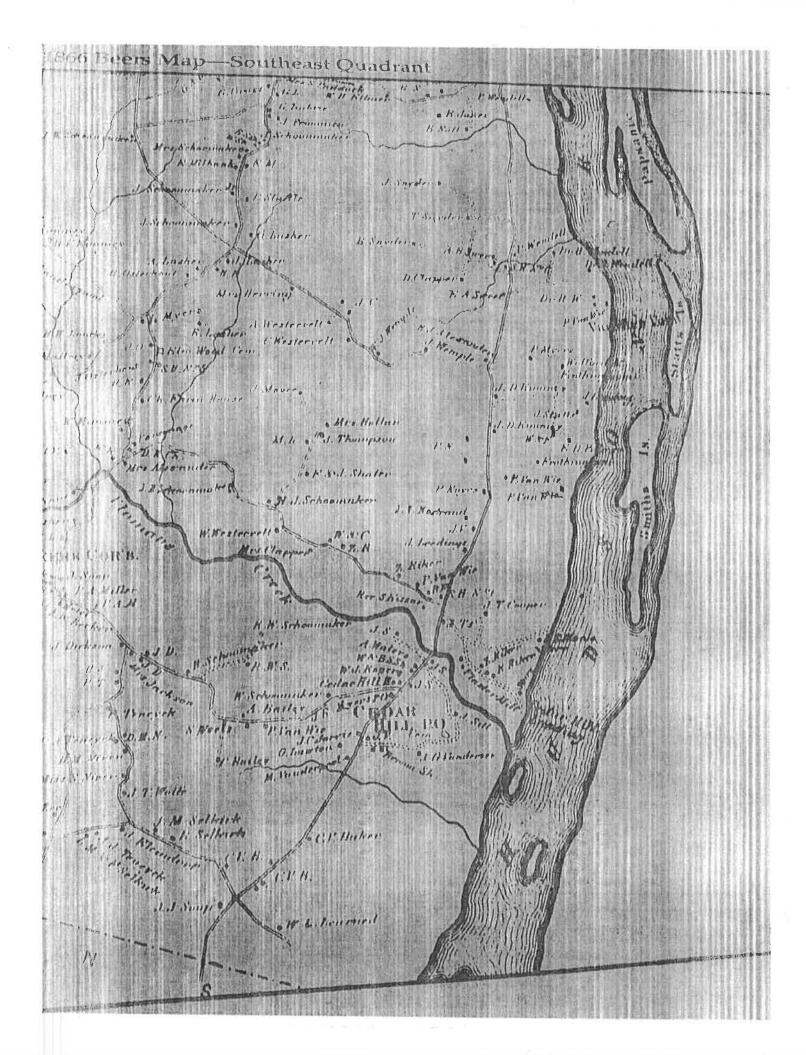
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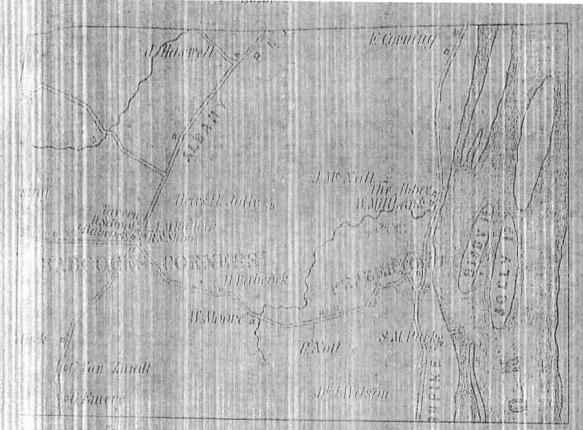
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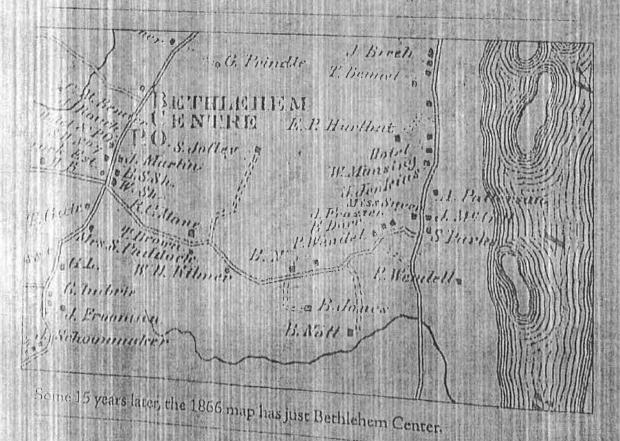
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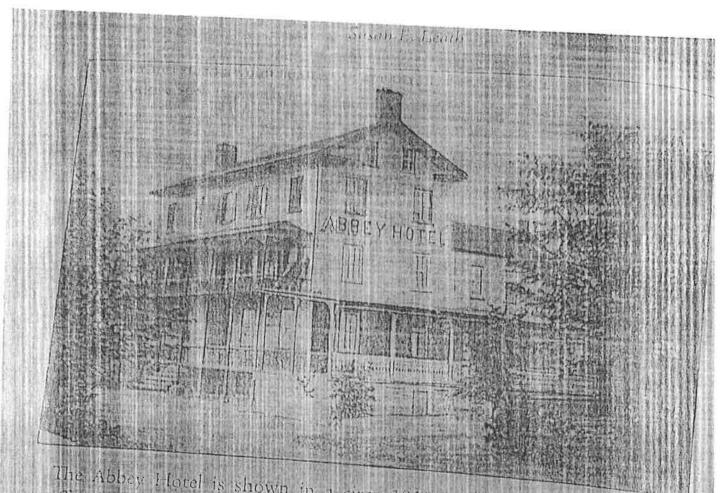






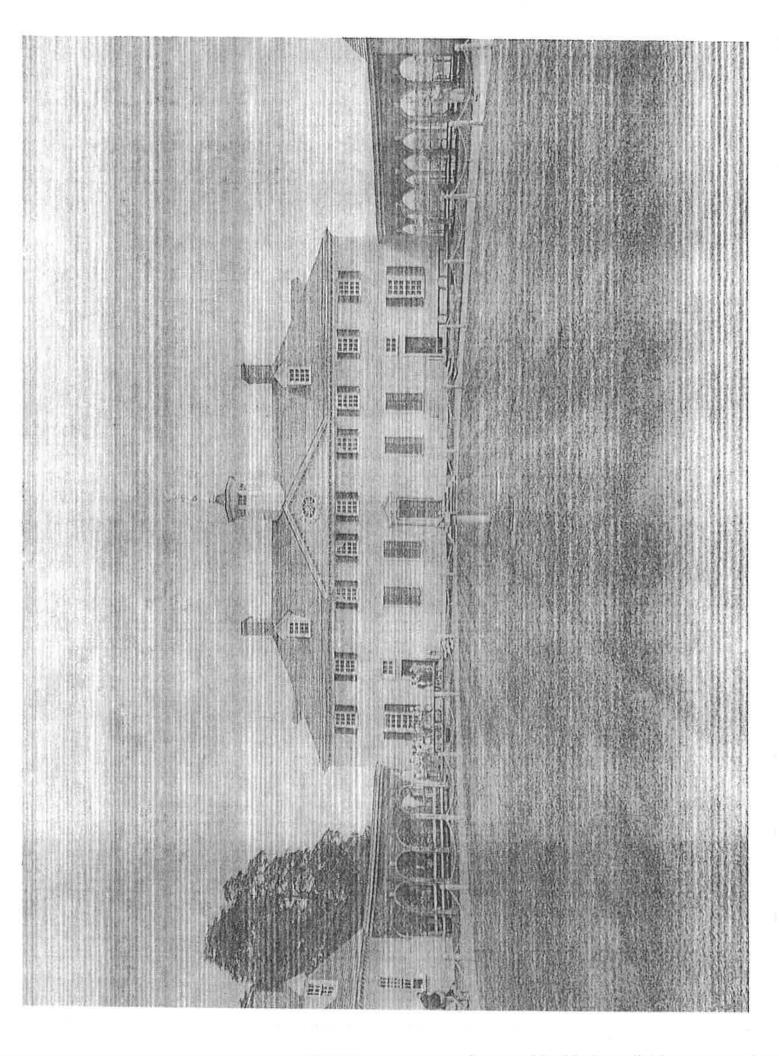
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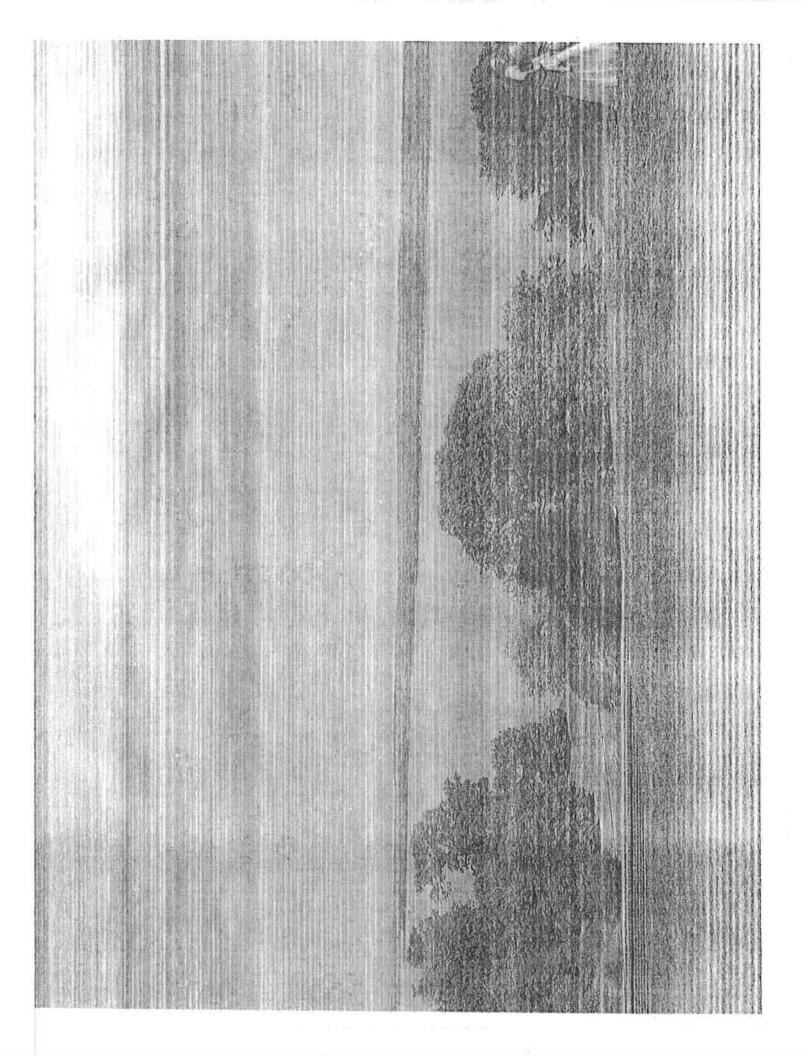




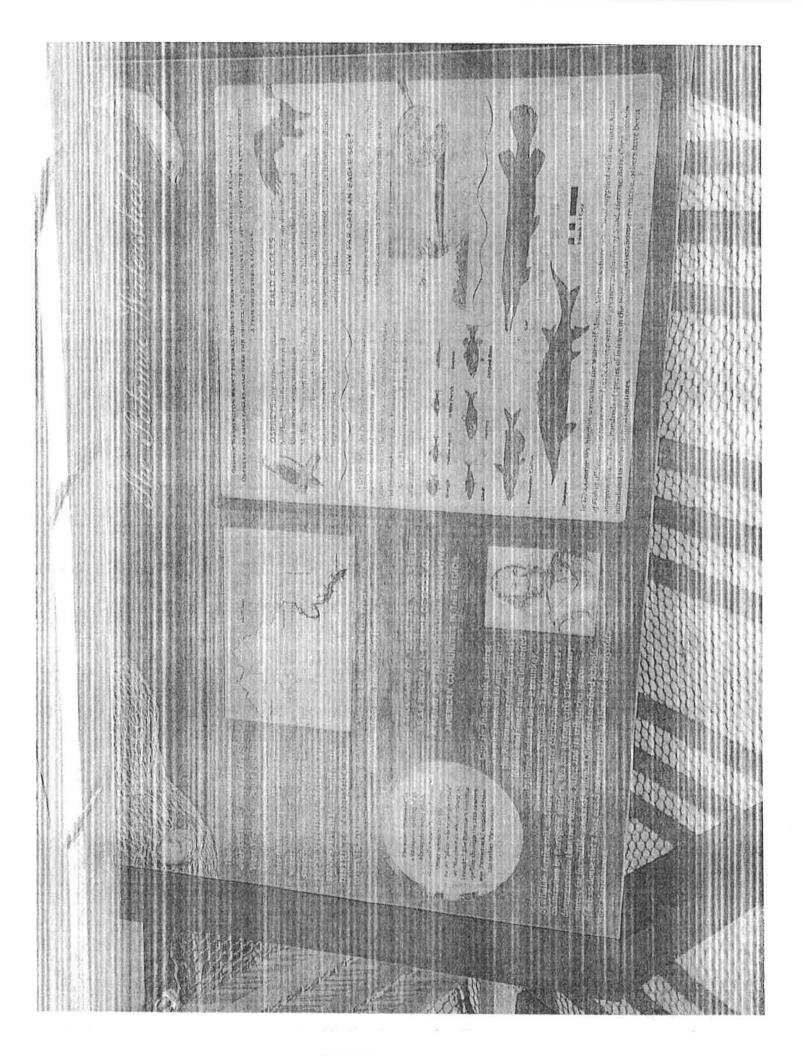
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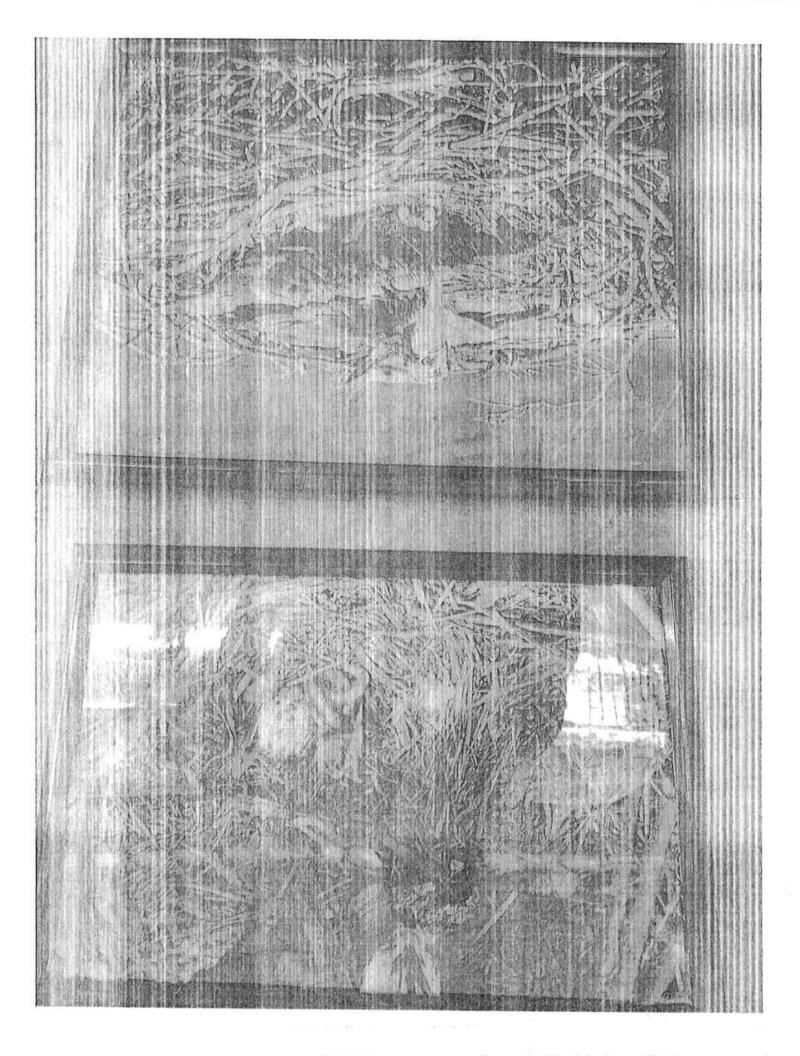


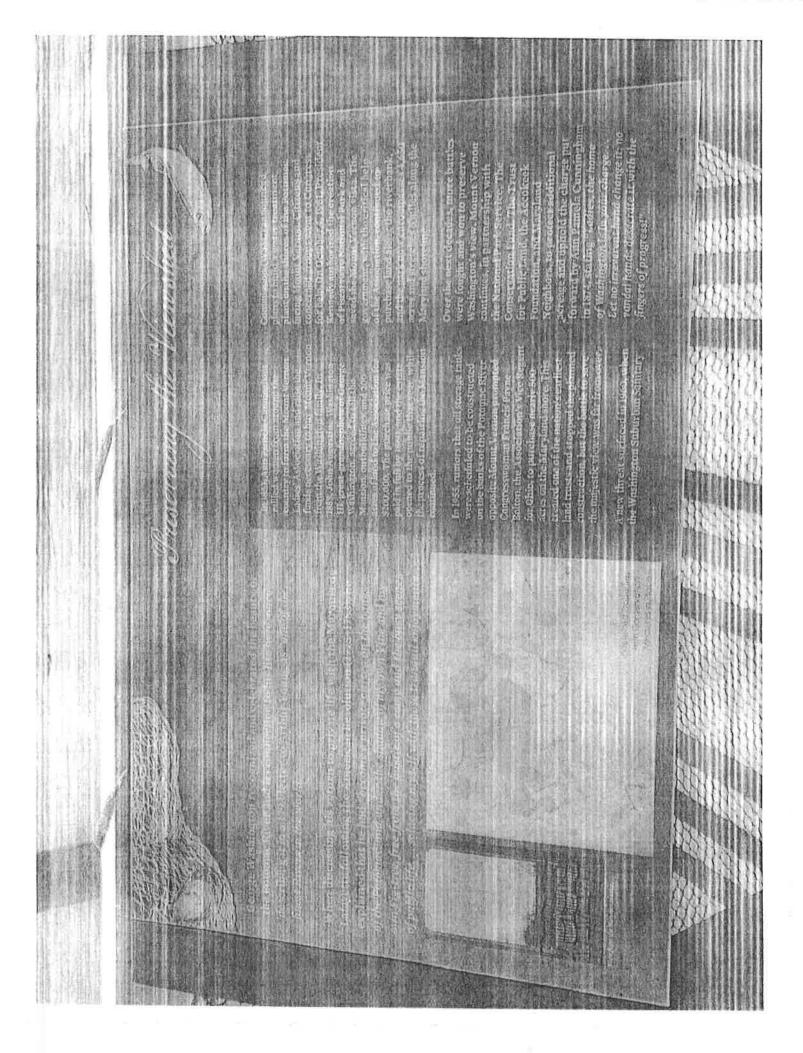


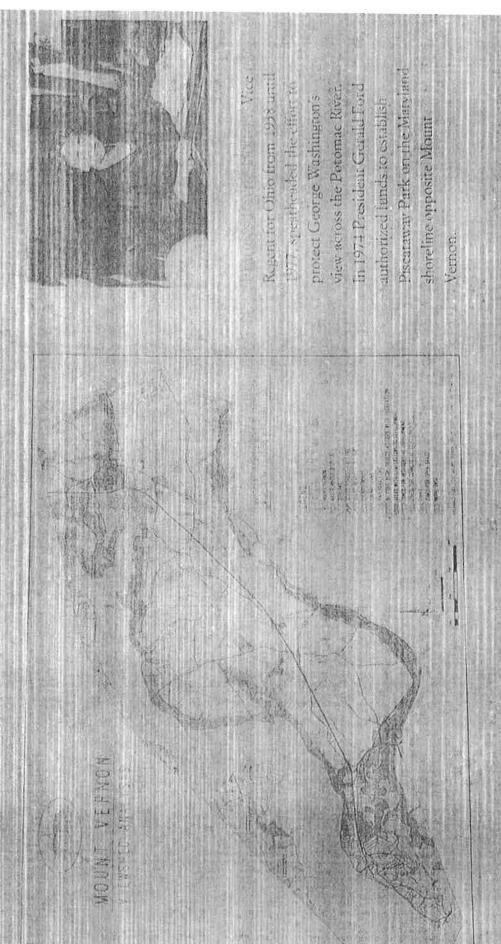




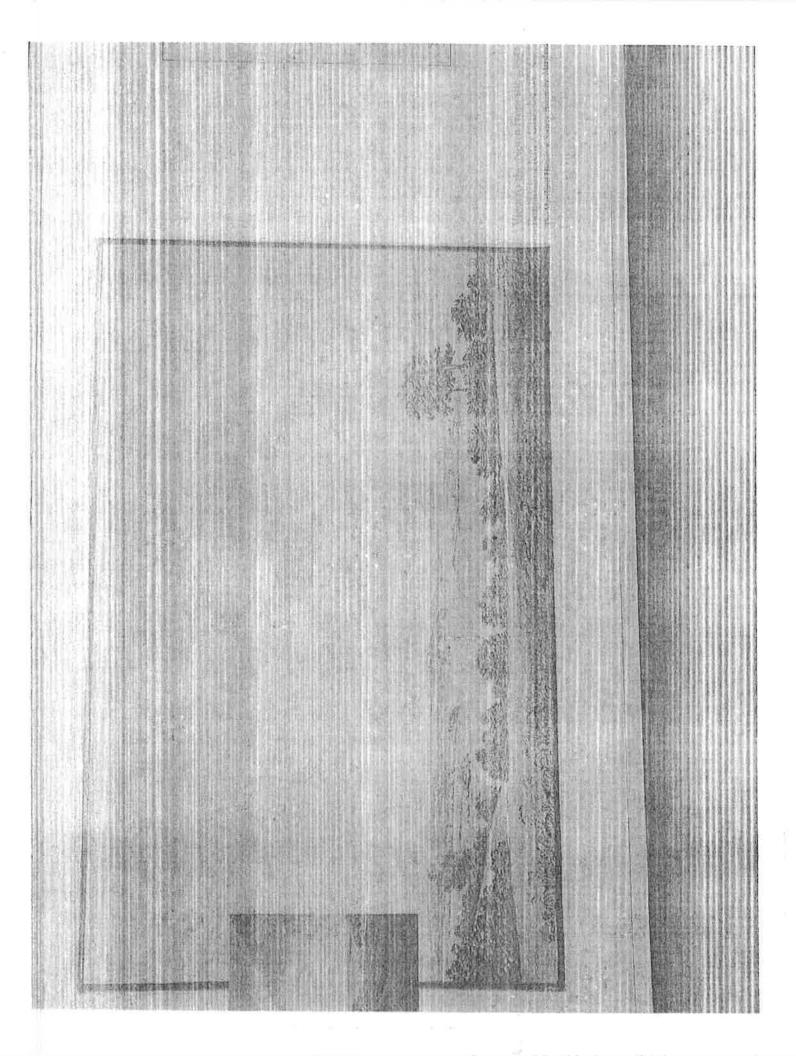


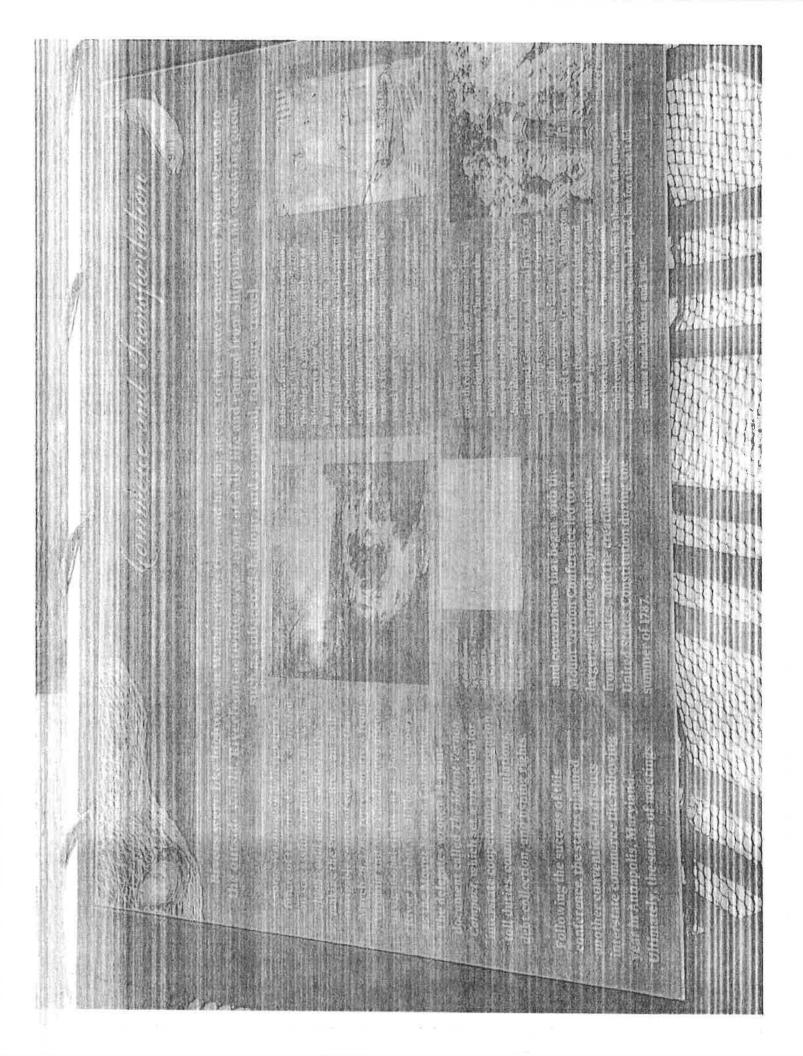


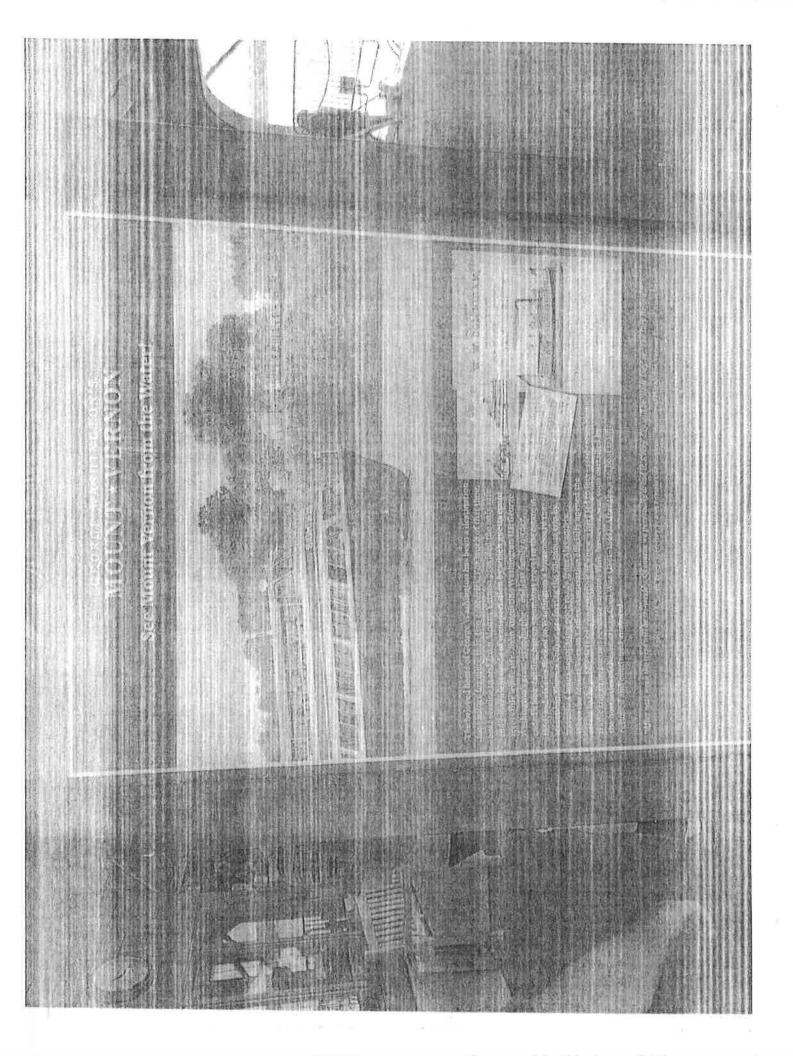


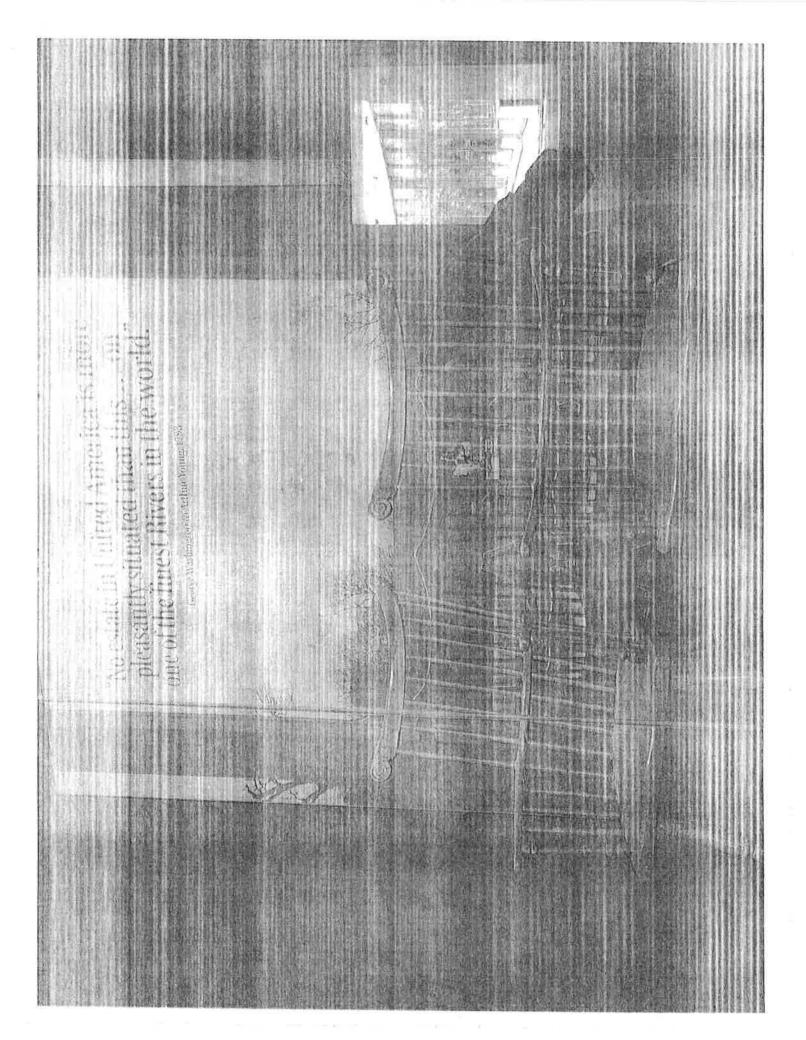


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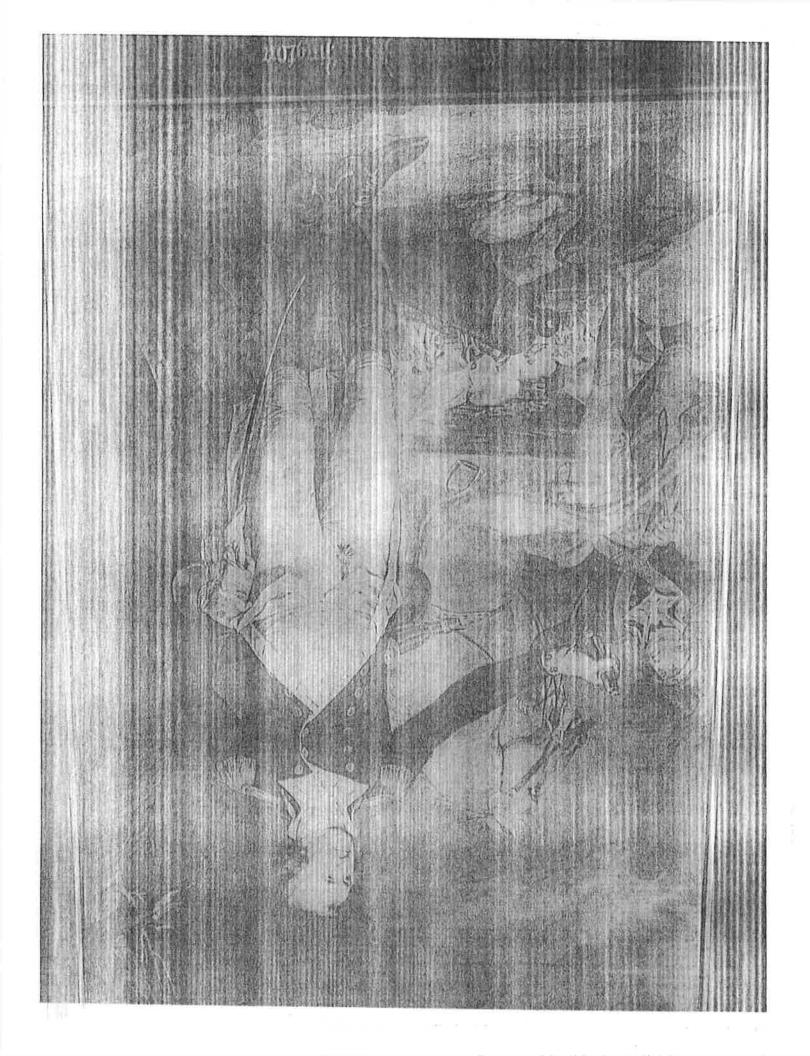
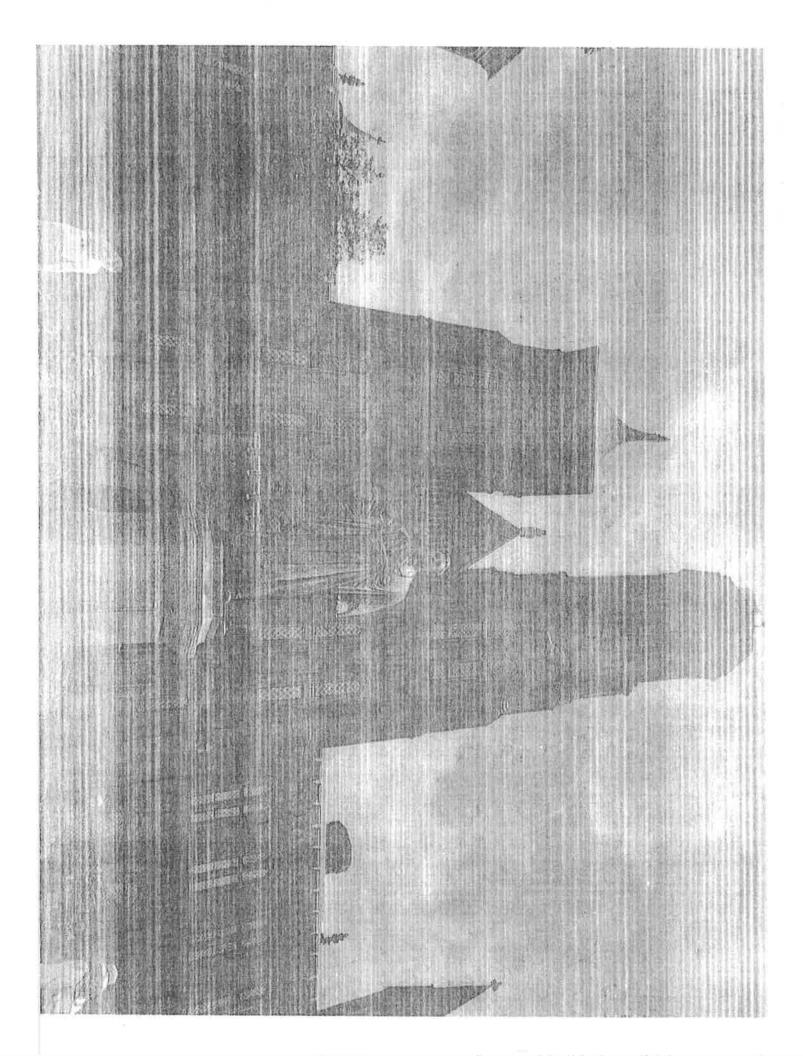


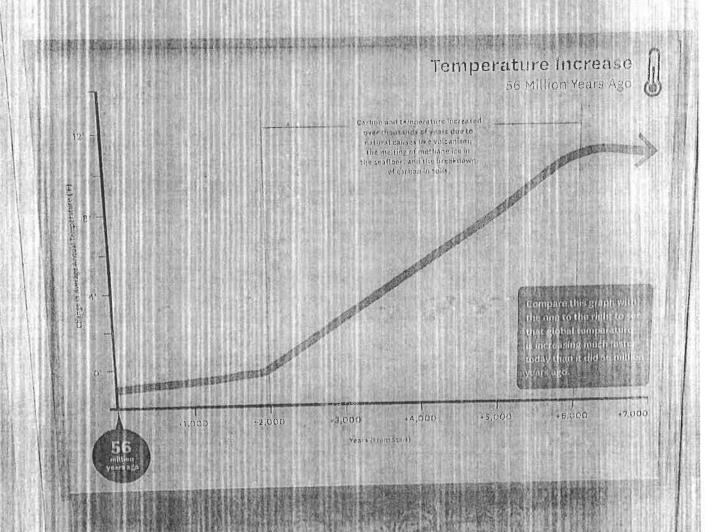
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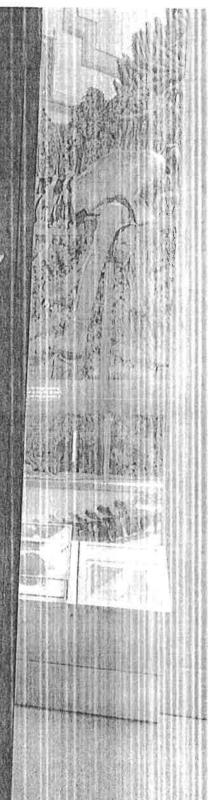
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(Glenmont - Beacon Island)

Dear Mr. Dangler:

We enclose here with letter comments in connection with the above matters:

Exhibits

"A" Sylvia Rowlands

"B" Garret McCarey

"C" Edward Klienke

"D" Eben Corey

"E" Eamon Murphy and Allee von Stackelberg

"F" Diane Easton

"G" Kerry McCarey

"H" Mary Bercharlie

"I" Amanda Rowlands and Kellin Rowlands (Maddeson and

"J" Lori A. Dempf-with Exhibits attached

We also enclose the following photographs depictions and other reports to the extent not otherwise attached or referred to in the letters above:

"K" Aerial/ drone photo of the Normanskill Creek and the Hudson River

"L" The Port District Depiction of 1 mile affected area (includes Glenmont Elementary School)

"M" Port Authority depiction of the "blast metallization paint" – building C (20 Smoke Stacks)

- "N" Photographs of two birds (believed to be eagles) who lost their tree nest, believed to be choking on fly ash, rescued by resident in his backyard on May 13, 2022 after the clear cutting of 80+ acres of estuary land along the Hudson River, the Normanskill Creek.
- "O" 2007 Normanskill Riparian Corridor Study (DEC)
- "P" 30 Year Trends in Water Quality of Rivers and Streams in New York State (DEC)
- "Q" Topographical map Delmar, New York 1989, (US Department of the Interior US Geological Survey)
- "R" Topographical map showing elevations of portions of Beacon Island and surrounding Glenmont Hill (Quail Hollow, The Legends), River Road, Halter Road, Retreat House Road (CHA, Inc., September 10, 2020)
- "S" Topographical Map of River Road, Halter Road, Retreat House Road (CHA, Inc., September 10, 2020)
- "T" Article 78 proceeding filed in Albany County Supreme Court June 17, 2022 with Exhibits.
- "U" Potomac River and Mount Vernon Photographs and scenic visitors and effort to protest.
- "V" Smithsonian Institute of Natural History (Fossils, Dinosaurs) chart discussing CO-2 Global Warming and Dinosaur and Wildlife extinction 253 million years ago.
- "W" Wastewater Technology Fact Sheet
- "X" South Port Street Congestion

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- "Y" River Road South Pearl Street between the Port South Port Street and Ezra Prentice Apartments poorly maintained.
- "Z" Clamshell dredging is ineffective if scooping branches, debris, tires, and the clamshell jaws do not close and contaminated dredging soils will spill- what are the alternatives, if any?

We further direct you to the Riverkeepers, (John Lipscomb) interview with Spectrum News and the Spectrum News Article on June 17, 2022. We further direct you to the Board of Commission meeting at the Albany Port District Commission held on June 27, 2022 and Glenmont residents public comments (YouTube).

We further direct you to Exhibit "U" which provides further consideration for protecting our history, identity, panoramic vistas, quality and enjoyment of life. We direct you to Exhibit "V", the alternative which is skyrocketing CO2 levels, our present situation with the loss of 80+ acres of trees, with no reduced CO2 emission levels and lost opportunity for increased oxygen levels. This alternative is extinction if we sacrifice the health, safety, and well-being of our neighborhoods and communities.

We request that a <u>Public Hearing</u> be scheduled in this matter. We anticipate some additional comments being received Friday of this week (July 15, 2022) and would hope that such submissions will be accepted. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted, TOBIN AND DEMPF, LLP

R. Christopher Dempf



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July 11, 2022

RE: Public Notice NAN-2021-00948-UDA
Albany Port District Commission, Town of Bethlehem
And City of Albany, Albany County, NY

Dear Mr. Dangler,

My name is Dr. Sylvia Rowlands. I am an educational and industrial psychologist. I have spent the last two decades participating in and leading clinical trials and implementing evidence-based programming (LinkedIn). Climate change research has convinced me that past industrial practices have damaged our environment globally and new and greener practices must be identified and disseminated.

I believe that the Federal Clean Air and Water Acts; the Federal Endangered Species Protection Act; NYS's 19th Amendment to its Constitution, the 2016 Port of Albany's Designation as a Green Marine and the advocacy of residents of Glenmont positions us, together, to "conduct all activities in a sustainable manner as defined as environmentally responsible, community driven, and economically beneficial (https://www.portofalbany.us)." Acting for the environment is not only important for the Hudson River watershed and neighboring communities, but for sustaining the Port's operations in the long run. The Port of Albany's Green Marine vision statement guarantees environmental stewardship and transparency with its neighbors and partners (https://www.portofalbany.us/our-impact/green-marine/).

Just recently the Port of Albany and the Town of Bethlehem were scrutinized for a "scorched Earth, [clear] cutting of Beacon Island" (John Lipscomb, vice president and co-director of science and control program and CPT Riverkeeper, Spectrum News Channel, June 17, 2022), at the site of a proposed Port of Albany major windmill manufacturing factory facility, without having collected the necessary permits as required by the National Environmental Policy Act. The clear cutting destroyed most of Beacon Island's residential vegetation placing endangered species, NYS residents, and the waterways at risk. Despite claims from the Town of Bethlehem Board and the Port of Albany Board of Commissioners that they "over publicized the proposed factory", my family and over 300+ Glenmont residents first learned of the project when the clear cutting occurred. As we gather more and more information regarding the proposed project and failure to receive the necessary permits, the residents of Glenmont are experiencing what feels like a reckless rush to implement the project to "be the first and biggest" Windmill Factory in the USA and to advance NYS' political recognition as a leader in the green movement. On behalf of NYS residents in the impact zone, we believe the project deserves a second environmental review before further steps are taken.

I reside within the one-mile zone of visual impact as defined by (MacFarland Johnson) which is a concern for all residents who purchased their properties in the Town of Bethlehem in part, to enjoy the vistas. However, our greatest concern, which we would like to discuss with you in the proffered public forum, is the obvious omission of the details regarding 1.) PCB and CCR contamination, 2.) the Hudson River Bald Eagle Program, and 3.) the Protected status of the Northern myotis in the Port of Albany's Dredging application.

1.) As residents of NYS, we'd like to better understand the outcome of the current EPA assessment of the impact of the General Electric Fort Edward PCB dredging project before permission is granted to dredge in an EPA designated superfund site. Decades of industrial pollution has turned 200 miles of the Hudson River (between Troy and Battery Park, NY) into one of the largest EPA Superfund sites in the USA (https://www.epa.gov/superfund). The primary chemicals of concern in Hudson River are called polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and they can build up in living beings over time. Health problems that may result from swimming and/or eating fish from the Hudson River with PCBs range from small changes in health that are hard to detect to effects on birthweight and cancer. (https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-five-year-reviews).

We'd also like to hear how the Port of Albany plans to contain the CCRs on Beacon Island. Two million tons of CCRs have been present on the proposed Windmill Factory site for over 5 decades (See: www.spotlightnews.com, July 6-12, 2022 Issue; Join Permit Application Package Albany Port District Commission, USACE #NAN-2021-00948-UDA, DEC # 4-0122-00322/00002, pg. 4.1: 4.1.1, and Town of Bethlehem December 7, 2022 Board Meeting). It is currently an unregistered surface impoundment, and is not in accord with the 2015 EPA requirements for containment which is intended to protect humans, wildlife and water ways from the dangers of CCR contamination (https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2015/04/17/2015-00257/hazardous-and-solid-waste-management-system-disposal-of-coal-combustion-residualsfrom-electric). It is our understanding at this point that the site has not been tested for the impact of the CCRs left uncapped for decades most likely leaking into the Hudson River aquifer, washed into the Hudson River during flood season and now unstable after the clear cutting of trees and vegetation. "Because coal ash contains many contaminants, including mercury and arsenic, unsafe and unregulated management of coal ash disposal units [in this case a surface impoundment] poses serious environmental and health risks. These risks were realized during a major coal ash spill in Tennessee in 2008 and again in North Carolina In 2014 (https://eelp.law.harvard.edu/2017/12/coal-ash-rule/)".

2.) For over 100 years the Hudson River Valley has not had a breeding bald eagle population. The birds were pushed out by increasing development until 1890, when the last breeding pair was sighted. Eagle numbers steadily declined throughout New York State until 1976, when only one breeding pair remained. The NYSDEC began an aggressive reintroduction program, and it wasn't until 1992 that a breeding pair was sighted along the Hudson River. The Institute for Wildlife Studies completed a three-year project with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) concerning the ecology of both wintering and breeding bald eagles along the Hudson River. The project was conducted along approximately 150 miles of the Hudson River, from north of New York City to Glens Falls [including the shores of the proposed factory

site]. This area includes a wide variety of habitats, ranging from industrial areas to undeveloped island parks. Within this mix a small, resident eagle population has established itself, and currently consists of 6 breeding pairs. Both non-breeding and wintering eagles increase this number seasonally (https://www.iws.org/bald-eagle-hudson-river). Just recently, after the clear cutting of Beacon Island an injured bald eagle was seen at the site and raised conversations regarding the impact of destroying 81 acres on the small resident eagle population that had established itself.

3.) Northern myotis (Northern Long Eared Bats) were relatively common in New York prior to the first appearance of white-nose syndrome (WNS) in 2006. They have since declined with only an estimated 2% of the pre-WNS population numbers remaining in 2012 (NYSDEC 2012). The northern myotis is now one of the least commonly encountered species during winter hibernacula surveys (NYSDEC unpublished data). Direct mortality can be tied to felled live trees that contain colonies or roosting individuals. Similarly, development can also fragment forests making them unsuitable for this species. Although no studies have targeted northern myotis directly, elevated levels of persistent organic pollutants including especially PCBs, DDT, Chlordanes, and PBDEs have been found in a similar species, the little brown bat, in the Hudson River Valley in New York. ¹ It is hard to estimate the impact of the clear cutting of Beacon Island on the endangered Northern myotis but something we must do before taking the next steps.

The Port of Albany was the first port designated as a Green Marine, as such I would expect the Port of Albany and the federal and state agencles that recognize the Green Marine designation to voluntarily act on their mission statement that guarantees environmental stewardship and transparency with its neighbors and partners in addressing the PCB and CCR contaminants, and Bald Eagle and Northern myotis protection. I am requesting that a public hearing be held to look at the issues raised in this letter and accompanying letters to give residents an opportunity to provide input, and delay decisions until the federal and state agencies can weigh in regarding various permits before approving the dredging of the Hudson River. Please allow us, the residents, sufficient notice time so that we may thoughtfully prepare our remarks and do the necessary research.

I look forward to your reply and the opportunity to discuss with you, in person, the significance of the issues presented above and reconsideration of the appropriateness of Beacon Island for the proposed site of the Windmill Factory.

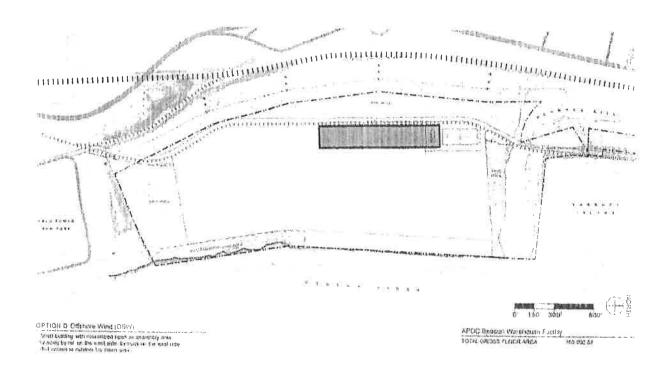
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¹ Kannan, K., S. H. Yun, R. J. Rudd, and M. Behr. 2010. High concentrations of persistent organic pollutants including PCBs, DDT, PBDEs and PFOS in little brown bats with white-nose syndrome in New York, USA. Chemosphere 80:613-618.

EXHIBIT "B"

To

The Port of Albany is in the process of developing a major industrial plant on Beacon Island in the town of Bethlehem for assemblage of wind turbine blades. There are a number of issues being raised about traffic, air quality, brown fields, wetlands, etc. but I am concerned about the health of the Normanskill.

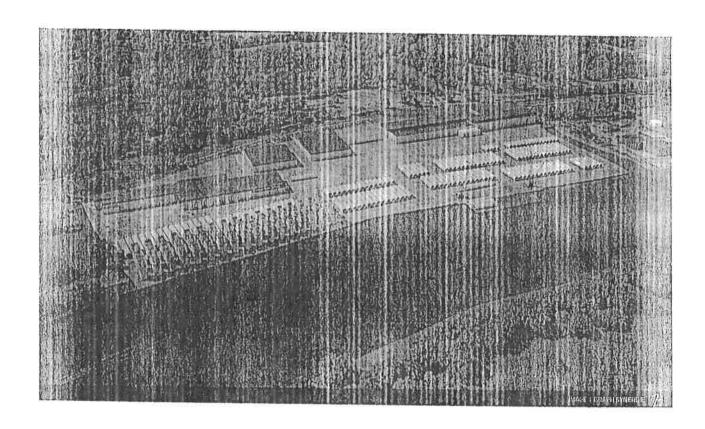


The board's initial plans for development includes a riparian corridor along the Norman skill. The Town's Comprehensive Plan, the Town of Bethlehem's Zoning Law, updated in September of 2006, provides protection to the Normans Kill and other streams. The most significant provision is the stream buffer requirement

which states that "No building permit will be issued for the construction or installation of any permitted or accessory use in any district within 100 feet of the bank of the Normans Kill Creek ... or within the 100-year flood zone of these waterbodies."

In addition, the code specifies that when building lots border a stream, there is no construction or installation of any accessory use in any district allowed within 100 feet of the stream's bank.

The artist rendering of the proposed development, (and the recent clear cutting of the area) however, excludes any stream buffer. (It also neglects to add any of the proposed smokestacks and 100 foot tall buildings.)



The Normans Kill Riparian Corridor Study (2007) prepared for the Albany County Department of Economic Development, Conservation and Planning had as its goal:

to provide a foundation for educating the public about the value of this stream corridor, encouraging stewardship, and improving access and use of the corridor as a recreational resource. It may also serve as a basis to develop a plan to guide preservation and use of the corridor and to recommend optimal areas for recreation and conservation efforts.

This report also noted:

According to the NYS Department of State (DOS), the Normans Kill is considered one of only 10 significant spawning streams for these species (herring and white perch) in the upper Hudson River. Furthermore, DOS's Division of Coastal Resources has designated an approximately 2-mile portion of the Normans Kill from its confluence with the Hudson River to a falls located just downstream of the NYS Thruway bridge as a Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat (SCFWH)

It adds:

Habitat disturbances would be most detrimental during fish spawning and incubation periods. Existing woodlands bordering the Normans Kill and its tributaries should be maintained to provide bank cover, soil stabilization, and buffer areas. (italics mine) Development of appropriate public access to the area may be

desirable to ensure that adequate opportunities for compatible human uses of the fisheries resources are available.

(The report neglects to mention the annual Spring migration of glass eels from the Sargasso Sea to the Hudson's tributaries including the Normanskill.)

The proposed dredging of the Hudson and the "channelization" of the Normanskill to build a railroad bridge ignores the Town's code and will be a direct threat to the health of the stream.

When did the Town of Bethlehem give a variance to the Port of Albany to ignore the buffer requirement? The Port purchased he property in 2018 and we only learn about this in 2021? Was there any mitigation negotiated? Are there alternative sites for the project? There must be a pubic hearing held to look at these issues allowing property owners to learn exactly went on behind closed doors and to give their input, and please give us proper notice this time so that we may have enough time to prepare our remarks and do the necessary research. Perhaps, if it's not too much to ask, you can even have the microphone provided to the public functioning this time.

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RE: NAN-2021-00948-UDA

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments to the New York District, Corp of Engineers on an application by the Albany Port District Commission for construction of a proposed wind energy manufacturing facility resulting in the discharge of fill material into 0.81 acres of waters of the United States.

My interest in this project is as a resident of the Town of Bethlehem and as a practicing Landscape Architect, actively involved in land development projects throughout the Capital District and Hudson Valley.

As such, I would offer the following for consideration:

1. Impact on the Northern long-eared bat.

The northern long-eared bat (Myotis septentrionalis) is currently listed as Threatened in New York State.

On March 23, 2022, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, proposed to reclassify the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

A comment period on the proposal ended on May 23, 2022, a public hearing was held on April 7, 2022 and the reclassification proposal is currently undergoing further review by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A final determination is expected November 2022.

Requested consideration by the U.S. the Fish and Wildlife Service to reclassify the species as Endangered clearly indicates that the species is under greater peril for extinction, than previously assessed.

As stated in the Agency's Public Notice, - "The District Engineers has determined that the proposed project may affect, but not likely to



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adversely affect, the Northern long-eared bat".; however, at the time such a determination was made, the status of the species was as an Endangered Species.

Further potential impacts to the species result from the clearcutting of +80 acres of site area. As reported by NEWS 10 (Albany, NY) on May 12, 2022, "...work begins to cut down trees and land is being cleared for the Port of Albany Expansion to support projects being developed in New York State, in the advancement of the offshore wind tower manufacturing."

Ecological Requisites for Survival and Reproductive Success of Northern-Long-Eared Bat Individuals, as identified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, include suitable roosting and foraging habitat near abundant food and water resources, as well as habitat connectivity between winter and summer habitats

Habitat loss, while not the greatest challenge to the viability of the species, is identified in a document entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared Bat", A Proposed Rule by the Fish and Wildlife Service on 03/23/2022", as published in the US Federal Register.

As such, I would request the District to consider the following, with respect to impacts on the Northern long-eared bat:

- Consideration of the impact of the proposed project to the Northern long-eared bat as an Endangered Species;
- Require mitigation for the loss of +80 acres of habitat.
- 2. The District Public Notice "Work Description" refers to wetland mitigation being achieved by means of "... purchase of 1.46 credits from an approved In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program."

It would seem, appropriate that given the size of the site (+80 acres) the Albany Port District Commission should be able to find a way to provide for wetland impact mitigation on-site.

In addition, as a matter of transparency, detailed information about the approved In-Lieu Fee Mitigation Program should be provided.

3. The District Public Notice "Work Description" refers to dredging of approx. 80,000 cy of material with two 30,000 cy dredge events during a ten-year maintenance period.

Such dredge material is proposed to be loaded into dredge scows or barges, transported and "... offloaded into the designated and authorized site...".

As a matter of transparency, detailed information about the designated and approved site should be provided.

4. Narrative of existing conditions of the project state that it was previously used a disposal area for fly ash from the nearby power generation plant.

While fly ash is widely recycled and re-used in a variety of concrete products, it is often disposed of in land filling activities, as in this case.

Known elements within fly ash include trace amounts of the following:

 gallium, arsenic, beryllium, boron, cadmium, chromium, hexavalent, cobalt, lead, manganese, mercury, molybdenum, selenium, strontium, thallium, and vanadium, along with very small concentrations of dioxins and PAH compounds.

Clear cutting of the site has already disturbed the site area filled fly ash with potential discharge into the air and spread over nearby residential areas. In addition, unrestrained stormwater runoff could easily flow into the Hudson River. Further construction on the site will further aggravate these conditions.

As such, it is requested that the applicant be required to address these conditions as a matter of development of the site.

5. The existing elevations of the site generally range from 10' to 15' above sea level, with a higher ridge along the Hudson River edge.

Proposed buildings to be constructed on the site are to have a finished floor elevation (FFE) of 21.0' above sea level. To raise the grades under just the buildings to achieve an elevation of 21.0' would require approx. 175,000 ey of fill material to be imported to the site. If transported in a typical double axel dump truck, approx. 11,500 truckloads of material would have to be brought to the site.

As such, I would request that the District require a transportation plan be developed for the transportation of fill material to the site and made part of any permit.

6. The Public Notice states that the project consists of "Five new warehouse and manufacturing buildings totaling approximately 626,014 SF..."

The Town of Bethlehem, at its 17 May 2022 meeting approved the site plan(s) "... for the construction of 589,500 sq. ft. of building space in total (Building A-D) associated with the manufacturing of offshore wind towers."

While this discrepancy may seem small in relation to the total square footage of building floor area, it represents over 36,000 sf – or nearly 1 acre - of building floor area. In addition, this kind of discrepancy has the possibility of altering impervious surface area and storm water impact analyses.

As such, I would request that the District require a review of all project analyses and approvals for consistency, and where appropriate, amendments and re-approvals from all reviewing agencies be undertaken.

7. Upon review of the project I would question the validity of assessments intended to address the visual impacts of the proposed project.

Based on the guidelines presented by both NYS DEC and NYS DOT (and cited in the Visual Impact Assessment Report), it is clear that the approach and assessments fall short of an accurate and reliable identification of highway corridors, neighborhoods and sites where potential visual impacts may occur from construction of the proposed project.

As such, I would request that the Visual Impact Assessment Report be modified to address impacts from nearby highway corridors and residential neighborhoods.

Finally, it is clear that additional disclosure needs to be made by the applicant in order to fully assess the potential impacts of the project on the environment. In order to provide adequate public interaction with such disclosure and acceptable transparency of the process, I would request that an additional public hearing and comment period be scheduled prior to any decision being made on the application.

Thank you for the opportunity to present these comments for consideration.

Respectfully,

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